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American Recovery and Reinvestment Act

COMMUNITY RESOURCE GUIDEBOOK

Michigan's 12th District

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Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Community Resource and Constituent Service Guide

Our state and nation are facing the worst economic crisis in generations. 4.4 million jobs have been lost since the start of the Recession, the financial crisis has depleted retirement and savings accounts, credit is frozen for businesses and consumers, and our neighborhoods have been hard hit by the foreclosure crisis.

The President approved the Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act as part of a vital effort to jumpstart the economy, create jobs, help workers hurt by the economy, and make key investments to transform the economy. Michigan is estimated to receive \$18 billion through Recovery package programs.

We have prepared the Community Resource Guide to assist local communities and community organizations evaluate their participation in Recovery programs. Through this document we will also track the impact of Recovery funds in Michigan. It is important that there be strict oversight, accountability and transparency as the Recovery package is implemented.

We have also prepared Constituent Service Fact Sheets to assist individuals with the programs that might assist them directly. For example, there is a new program to provide a COBRA Health care subsidy to unemployed workers.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office if we may be of assistance. James Jackson is serving as our Economic Recovery Coordinator and he may be reached at 586-498-7122 or 248-968-2025

There is still much work to be done. My top priority in the weeks ahead is to fight for re-structuring of our auto industry outside of the bankruptcy system. The automotive sector is the heart of our entire industrial sector and a major driver in our nation's economy. The Federal government must be a partner in the difficult restructuring underway so that all stakeholders, especially the banks and creditors, are participating and that we are making key investments in the advanced technologies so vital to the auto industry of tomorrow.

Additional Links

http://www.recovery.gov/

http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-52827---,00.html

Economic Recovery and Reinvestment Act

Constituent Service Guide

Most of the funding provided through the Economy Recovery and Reinvestment Act flows through state and local governments. Indeed, most are pre-existing programs that are receiving additional resources to boost to our economy (ie, infrastructure spending) and to help individuals and families during the economic recession.

If you need assistance, please do not hesitate to contact my office at 586-498-7122 or 248-968-2025 and we will try to assist you or put you in touch with the correct state or local agency.

<u>Below are fact sheets on the programs we are contacted about the most</u>. This website will be updated to reflect additional information requests.

Unemployment Insurance

COBRA Health Insurance (New program for unemployed workers)

Worker Training

Tax Relief

One Time \$250 Economic Recovery Payments for Recipients of Social Security, Veterans Benefits or Railroad Retirement

Weatherization

Mortgage Assistance for Homeowners

Unemployment Insurance

The Recovery Package made a major investment in unemployment insurance both for unemployed workers and to improve State administration of the program.

For Individuals

The recovery package continues through December 2009 the extended unemployment benefits program which will enable 161,870 additional jobless workers in Michigan to qualify for extended benefits.

The recovery package increases unemployment benefits by \$25 a week and suspends the Federal income tax on the first \$2,400 of unemployment benefits for 2009.

The recovery package provides Health Insurance for Unemployed Workers for the first time by providing a 60% subsidy for COBRA premiums for up to 9 months.

For the State of Michigan

The recovery package contains an estimated \$14 million in administrative funding and \$69 million in general funding for Michigan's Unemployment Insurance (UI) program. The new law also forgives the interest Michigan owes to the federal government on funds borrowed for Michigan's UI program, resulting in a savings of about \$41 million for the state.

How to File Your Unemployment Claim

Below is information provided by the State of Michigan. To review the full fact sheet you may click here: http://www.michigan.gov/documents/uia 112-UIBenefitinfo 85264 7.pdf

By Internet: To file your new unemployment claim or to reopen an established claim through the Internet, visit our website www.michigan.gov/uia from 7:00 a.m. Monday through 7:00 p.m. Saturday.

By Phone: To file your new claim or to reopen a claim through our toll-free telephone number, call 1-866-500-0017 using a touch-tone telephone. Use the call-in schedule (*shown below*) when filing by telephone. The schedule is based on the last two digits of your Social Security number. For example, if your Social Security number ends in 50, you would phone in your application on Tuesday afternoon.

Information Needed to File a Claim: Your Social Security Number, your Driver License Number or State Identification Number or your MARVIN PIN (if you have one); the names and addresses of employers you have worked for in the past 18 months along with your quarterly gross earnings and the last date of employment with each employer. If you are not a U.S. citizen or national, you will need your Alien Registration Number and the expiration date of your work authorization.

Further information from the Michigan Unemployment Insurance Agency may be found here:

http://www.michigan.gov/uia/0,1607,7-118-26831---,00.html

New Health Care Option for Unemployed

65% COBRA Premium Reduction

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA) provides for the first time, premium reductions and additional election opportunities for health benefits under COBRA. This provision will help 7 million people maintain their health insurance by providing a vital bridge for families when workers have lost their jobs as a result of the recession.

Eligible individuals pay only 35 percent of their COBRA premiums and the remaining 65 percent is reimbursed to the coverage provider through a tax credit. The premium reduction applies to periods of health coverage beginning on or after February 17, 2009 and lasts up to nine months.

Eligibility

To be eligible for the premium reduction, individuals must meet all of the following requirements:

- Individual was involuntarily terminated between September 1, 2008 and December 31, 2009
- Individual is eligible for COBRA continuation coverage as a result of Federal or State law at any time during the period beginning September 1, 2008 and ending December 31, 2009
- Individual elects COBRA coverage when first offered or during the additional election period

How do I sign up?

To sign-up for the premium reduction, you must enroll in COBRA coverage and fill out the premium reduction enrollment forms provided by your health plan. After February 17, 2009, plans began sending out information regarding the premium reduction to individuals. If you have not yet received information from your health plan, you should immediately contact your plan.

Special Election Period

Individuals who did not elect COBRA when it was first offered or those who signed up, but dropped their coverage because they were unable to pay the premium or for any other reason, have a new election opportunity. Individuals have 60 days after they are notified of their eligibility by their plan to enroll or reenroll. Please note, this special election period does not extend the period of COBRA coverage beyond the 18 month cover period and it does not apply to coverage sponsored by employers with less than 20 employees that is subject to State law.

Reimbursement

If an employer has not yet set up the mechanism for paying the 65% share, an employee may be asked to pay 100% of the premium up front. If this occurs, the employee will be reimbursed by the employer by cash payment or credit towards future premiums.

Resources

Please visit www.waysandmeans.house.gov/media/pdf/lll/cobra.pdf or the Department of Labor's (DOL) website at www.dol.gov/cobra. Individuals can also call a DOL Benefits Advisor for assistance on determining whether they qualify at 1-866-444-3272. Employers can call the IRS business assistance line for questions on the payroll tax credit mechanism of repayment at 1-800-829-4933.

For more information, call Congressman Levin's district office at (586) 498-7122 or (248) 968-2025.

Worker Training in Michigan

The Recovery Package provides Michigan more than a \$200 million for training. You may learn more about Michigan's training programs at: http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/

Locally programs are coordinated through the Michigan Works offices.

Macomb at http://www.michiganworks.org/page.cfm/80/

Oakland at http://www.michiganworks.org/page.cfm/98/

The State of Michigan relies on a number of federal sources of funding for its worker training programs. Including: the Workforce Investment Act (WIA), Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA), and Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF).

The Recovery Act provides Michigan \$183 million in Workforce Investment Act funds. Of the \$183 million in state formula grants Michigan is expected to receive, \$74 million will go to youth, \$30.8 million to adults, and \$78.4 million to dislocated workers. The chart below shows how this compares to Michigan's funding for the past two years.

Michigan WIA Funding* (in millions)

	FY2007	FY2008	Recovery
Youth	46.7	58	74
Adult	42.3	54	30.8
Dislocated	91	131	78.4
Total	180 million	243 million	183 million

^{*}These funds are in addition to existing '09 funding.

Recovery Act dollars will be used to bolster funding for the No Worker Left Behind Program (NWLB), Michigan's largest worker training program, and the recently-proposed Michigan Energy Corps program. Federal funding is the backbone of NWLB and the additional dollars will significantly expand the number of enrollees.

No Worker Left Behind

NWLB was created in 2007 with the goal of training 100,000 dislocated workers over three years. It offers up to two years of free tuition for Michigan citizens that are either unemployed or received a termination/layoff notice or are employed and have family income under \$40,000. Because the program's intent is to reemploy participants, the focus of the degree or training program must be in a high demand or emerging sector or in a business program. Upon completion of the program, Michigan Works! Agencies and community colleges work with participants to find employment. Included under NWLB is the Nursing Corps, whose focus is to prepare 500 nurse educators, who will then train 3,000 new nurses, over three years to help meet the growing shortage in both professions.

To date, almost 60,000 workers have enrolled in NWLB; however, funding constraints have limited NWLB from meeting demand and the program's waiting list currently has over 4,000 names. Moreover, demand for training continues to grow: December 2008 saw a 60% increase in workers entering training compared to the year prior. With the help of Recovery Act WIA and TAA dollars, DELEG estimates NWLB will be able to exceed the 100,000 goal.

Energy Corps

The Michigan Energy Corps, proposed by Governor Granholm in her 2009 State of the State address, capitalizes on her goal of turning Michigan into a renewable energy 'hub' by reorienting the state's existing automotive manufacturing capacity to the manufacturing, construction, and delivery of alternative energy technologies. DELEG has identified four key areas of training and reemployment efforts: weatherization, green construction, renewable energy delivery systems, and conservation of natural resources. Specifically, the Energy Corps plans to train at least 10,000 unemployed trade workers over the next two years to weatherize 100,000 homes and upgrade 1,000 schools and public buildings with energy efficiency and renewable energy technologies.

Tax Relief for Individuals

The Making Work Pay Tax Credit

The Making Work Pay tax credit is the tax reduction centerpiece of the The American Reinvestment and Recovery Act. The credit provides over 3.7 million working families in Michigan the tax relief they need right now.

IRS guidance asks that, by April I, employers must have instituted the lower withholdings for their employees.

To learn about eligibility for this tax credit, go to:

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mi12 levin/PR040109.shtml

Other Tax Relief Provisions for Individuals and Families

Improving Tax Credit for First-Time Homebuyers. Increases the first-time homebuyer's tax credit from \$7,500 to \$8,000 and removes the current repayment requirement (for homes purchased between 1/1/09 and 11/30/09). This credit is generally claimed on your 2009 return.

Tax Deduction for Vehicle Purchases. Provides a tax deduction for state and local sales taxes paid on the purchase of new cars, including light trucks and SUVs. This credit is claimed on your 2009 return.

Expanding Child Tax Credit. Cuts taxes for the families of nearly 16 million children through an expansion of the child tax credit. This credit is claimed on your 2009 return.

Expanding Earned Income Tax Credit. Expands the Earned Income Tax Credit by providing tax relief to families with three or more children and increasing marriage penalty relief. This credit is claimed on your 2009 return.

Creating A New, More Generous College Tax Credit. Helps more than 4 million additional students attend college with a new, \$2,500 tax credit for families, which is partially refundable. This credit is claimed on your 2009 return.

Protecting from Alternative Minimum Tax. Protects 26 million middle-class families from being hit by the alternative minimum tax in 2009.

\$250 Economic Recovery Payment for Seniors and Veterans. Provides a \$250 payment to people who receive Social Security and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits beginning in early May 2009 and continuing throughout the month.

\$250 Economic Recovery Payments for Seniors and Veterans

Who is eligible?

Any adult age 18 or over (other than a student beneficiary) who was entitled to a retirement, survivors, or disability benefit from Social Security at any time during the period November 2008 through January 2009. Also, any person receiving Supplemental Security Income (SSI) cash payments (except those in medical facilities in which Medicaid is paying for most of the cost of their care), Railroad Retirement benefits, or compensation or pension benefits from the Veterans Administration during that period.

Will an individual who was entitled to two separate benefits, such as SSI and Social Security, or Social Security and VA benefits, get two checks for \$250?

No. Such beneficiaries may only receive one payment of \$250.

Will a person who is both working and receiving Social Security, VA or Railroad Retirement benefits be eligible for this payment?

Yes, but the amount of the payment will be deducted from the total amount of the "Make Work Pay" tax credit created by the new law. The amount of the tax credit will be figured when the individual files their 2009 tax return.

Will the payment be included in the regular monthly Social Security, VA or Railroad Retirement benefits, or will it come separately?

The special \$250 payment will be paid separately from regular benefits, but will be paid in the same form the beneficiary receives monthly benefits. So, if the beneficiary normally receives a direct deposit of the monthly Social Security benefit, the special \$250 payment will also be direct deposited to the beneficiary's bank account.

When will the payments be issued?

It is expected that most payments administered by SSA will be disbursed in May 2009.

Will this payment be taxable?

This payment is not subject to federal income tax.

Will a person who has applied for disability benefits but whose claim is still pending (e.g., on appeal and waiting for a hearing) be able to get the \$250 payment?

Yes, if the application is approved and adjudicated before December 31, 2010, and the benefits awarded retroactively cover at least one month during the period between November 2008 and January 2009.

Will the payment count as income which could reduce a person's SSI benefits?

No, and eligibility for Food Stamps, Medicaid or other federally-funded means-tested benefits will also not be affected. Payments are also excluded as a resource for the month of receipt and the following 9 months.

Will a retired government employee receiving a pension from a job that was not covered by Social Security be eligible to receive the payment?

Many will be issued a payment from the Social Security Administration, if they are receiving Social Security benefits or if they have a spouse who receives Social Security benefits. All others will be able to claim a special one-time refundable tax credit of \$250 on their 2009 tax returns (filed in 2010).

Will the cost of the Social Security payments be paid by the Social Security Trust Funds?

No. The cost of all the payments will be financed from the General Fund of the U.S. Treasury.

Weatherization Programs for Individual Homes

The Recovery and Reinvestment Act makes an unprecedented investment in weatherization to create new green jobs, improve energy efficiency and to lower energy costs for individuals and families.

The State of Michigan is receiving \$250 million to accelerate energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge and o assist eligible families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

To find out more about these programs locally you may contact the following agencies:

Macomb County Community Services Agency (MCCSA)

http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa/

Oakland Livingston Human Services Agency (OLSHA).

http://www.olhsa.org/doe.asp?catID=3&cty=oak

Mortgage Assistance for Homeowners

Making Home Affordable is part of the federal government's comprehensive strategy to get the housing market back on track. Through the Making Home Affordable Program, up to 9 million American families may be eligible to <u>refinance</u> or <u>modify</u> their loans to a payment that is affordable now and into the future. Visit <u>www.makinghomeaffordable.gov</u> for more information.

Home Affordable Refinance	Home Affordable Modification			
When Will Help Be Available?				
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The Home Affordable Refinancing program is available today and expires on June 10, 2010.	The Home Affordable Modification program is available today and expires on Dec. 31, 2012.			
Who is Eligible?				
 You may be eligible if: You are the owner occupant of a one to four unit home, Your mortgage is owned or securitized by Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac You are current on your mortgage payments The amount you owe on your first mortgage is about the same or slightly less than the current value of your house, and You have income sufficient to support the new mortgage payments. 	 To apply, you must: Be an owner-occupant in a one to four unit property, Owe \$729,750 or less for one unit properties Have a loan that was originated on or before January 1, 2009, Have a mortgage payment that is more than 31% of your gross (pre-tax) monthly income, and Have a mortgage payment that is not affordable, perhaps because of an increase in your mortgage payment or a significant change in income or expenses. 			

How Will the Program Help?

The Home Affordable Refinance program is designed to help homeowners with solid repayment histories but who are unable to refinance due to falling home values get into a mortgage with payments that are affordable today and sustainable for the life of the loan.

Borrowers whose mortgage interest rates are much higher than the current market rate should see an immediate reduction in their payments.

Borrowers who are paying interest only, or who have a low introductory rate that will increase in the future, may not see their current payment go down if they refinance to a fixed rate and payment. These borrowers, however, could save a great deal over the life of the loan by avoiding future mortgage payment increases.

The Home Affordable Modification program is designed to help financially struggling homeowners, including those who have fallen behind on payments, avoid foreclosure by modifying loans to a level that is affordable now and sustainable over the long term. The program provides incentives to modify loans, as well as clear and consistent modification guidelines.

After validating an eligible borrower's monthly income and outstanding balance on his or her first mortgage, as servicer will take a series of steps to adjust the total monthly payment to 31% of the borrower's monthly pre-tax income:

- First, reduce the interest rate to as low as 2% (for up to 5 years).
- Next, if necessary, extend loan term to 40 years.
- Finally, if necessary, defer a portion of the principal until the loan is paid off and waive interest on the deferred amount.

How Can I Get Help or Learn More?

To learn more about the Making Home Affordable program, visit <u>www.makinghomeaffordable.gov</u> or contact your loan servicer.

If you or someone you know is facing foreclosure you should contact your loan servicer to discuss your situation as soon as possible, or you can contact a HUD-approved housing counselor by calling 1-888-995-HOPE. Here are some HUD-approved housing counselors in Macomb and Oakland County:

GreenPath

888-860-4167 (toll-free) Offices in Roseville, Southfield, and Troy

> Michigan State University Extension Services 586-469-5180 Clinton Township

Christian Credit Counselors 800-557-1985 (toll-free) Southfield

For Oakland County residents:

Oakland County Housing Counseling

888-350-0900 (toll-free)

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If you need further assistance, please visit my constituent services web page or contact my District Office at (586) 498-7122 with any questions or concerns you may have.

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Transportation

Grant: <u>Highway Improvement Programs</u>

Total: \$27.5 billion nationally for Highway Infrastructure Investment.

Type: Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub allocated

by population areas.

Agency: State departments of transportation

Purpose: For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal

system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.

Website: http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure

http://www.dot.gov/recovery/ http://michigan.gov/mdot

Michigan: \$850 million will go to Michigan and divided between MDOT and local agencies, as required by

Michigan's Act 51.

A list of Michigan's proposed projects can be found at http://michigan.gov/mdot/0,1607,7-151--

210002--,00.html.

Michigan Department of Transportation: Passenger Transportation Division

Bureau Administrator: Sharon Edgar, (517) 373-0471

Local Impact: Macomb County Road Commission Press Release:

http://www.rcmcweb.org/viewpage/press_releases.cgi?action=ViewNews&articleid=80

Oakland County Road Projects:

http://www.rcocweb.org/Lists/PressRelease/DispForm.aspx?ID=64

Detroit Free Press Article:

http://freep.com/article/20090227/NEWS03/902270380/1004/NEWS02/\$26+million+in+stimulus+ca

sh+to+help+fix+Oakland+County+roads+

Grant: Transit Capital Assistance

Total: \$8.4 billion nationally

Type: Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital

assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density

formula

Agency: Federal Transit Administration

Purpose: These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public

transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index 9118.html

Michigan: Michigan is estimated to receive \$135 Million

Contact: A list of key deadlines can be found at http://www.fta.dot.gov/index 9118.html

Michigan Department of Transportation: Passenger Transportation Division

Bureau Administrator: Sharon Edgar, (517) 373-0471

Grant: <u>Capital Investments Grants</u>

Total: \$750 million nationally

Type: Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in

construction or are nearly ready to begin construction

Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-

way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants financing 3590.html

Contact: Michigan Department of Transportation: Passenger Transportation Division

Bureau Administrator: Sharon Edgar, (517) 373-0471

Grant: Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants

Total: \$6.9 billion nationally

Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and

dependence on foreign oil.

Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index 9118.html

Contact: Michigan Department of Transportation: Passenger Transportation Division

Bureau Administrator: Sharon Edgar, (517) 373-0471

Grant: National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants

Total: \$1.5 billion nationally

Type: Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a

competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or

a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects,

passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments

Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation

Websites: http://www.dot.gov/

http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/

Contact: Michigan Department of Transportation: Passenger Transportation Division

Bureau Administrator: Sharon Edgar, (517) 373-0471

Grant: Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service

Total: \$8 billion nationally

Type: Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary

to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service

Agency: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation

Website: www.fra.dot.gov

Contact: Michigan Department of Transportation: Passenger Transportation Division

Bureau Administrator: Sharon Edgar, (517) 373-0471

Grant: Capital Grants to Amtrak

Total: \$1.3 billion nationally

Type: Grants will be given directly to Amtrak; no more than 60% will be spent in the NE corridor

Agency: Federal Railroad Administration

Purpose: To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security

improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives

and passenger cars)

Website: www.fra.dot.gov

http://www.amtrack.com (for jobs and contracting opportunities)

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure

 $\underline{improvements}$

Total: \$1.1 billion nationally
Type: Competitive grants

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Purpose: Grants to airports who are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for

repairs and improving critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion

Website: http://www.faa.gov/recovery/

Grant: Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems

Total: \$200 million

Type: competitive grants

Agency: Federal Aviation Administration

Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system -- \$50 million, modernize aging air traffic control centers -- \$50

million, replace air traffic control centers and TRACONS -- \$80 million, install airport lighting,

navigation and landing equipment -- \$20 million

Website: http://www.faa.gov/recovery/

Environment

Grant: Clean Water State Revolving Fund

Total: \$4 billion nationally for the Clean Water State Revolving Fund.

Type: Funding provided to states is used to makes loans to communities for high-priority water-quality

activities. In Michigan, Clean Water Recovery funds will be distributed in the form of principal loan forgiveness, allowing the state to allocate money through its traditional loan program with recipients required to repay only a percentage of the original loan amount. For communities receiving the

funding, it is the equivalent of receiving a grant for that portion of the project.

Agency: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local clean water projects

and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to

repay a loan with interest.

Loans are used to build or improve wastewater treatment plants; agricultural, rural, and urban runoff control; estuary improvement projects; wet weather flow control, including storm water and sewer

overflows; alternative treatment technologies; and water reuse and conservation projects.

\$168 million will go to Michigan, which will use the funds to accelerate water infrastructure

Michigan: projects on the State's priority list.

You may review the state project list here

http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168--210097--,00.html

You may review Rep. Levin's statement about the 12th District projects here

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mil2_levin/PR030409.shtml

You may read an article on the local projects here:

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/hearing/mil2_levin/morenews/IN030509.shtml

Grant: Drinking Water State Revolving Fund

Total: \$2 billion nationally for the Safe Drinking Water State Revolving Fund.

Type: In Michigan, Drinking Water Recovery funds will be distributed in the form of principal loan

forgiveness, allowing the state to allocate money through its traditional loan program with recipients required to repay only a percentage of the original loan amount. For communities receiving the

funding, it is the equivalent of receiving a grant for that portion of the project.

Agency: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality

Provisions: Directs priority funding to projects on State priority lists that are ready to proceed to construction

within 12 months of enactment

Purpose: To provide relief to communities by requiring a greater Federal share for local drinking water projects

and greater flexibility for States to reach communities that would otherwise not have the resources to

repay a loan with interest.

Activities: Loans can be used for the installation and replacement of failing treatment facilities, eligible storage

facilities and transmission and distribution systems.

Michigan: \$67 million will go to Michigan to implement drinking water improvement projects on the State

priority list. You may review the project list here:

http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168--210097--,00.html

Grants: Brownfields Evaluation and Clean-Up

Total: \$100 million nationally for competitive grants for Brownfield projects. Funding announcements

throughout the year will gradually draw down this amount. The first request for applications was

issued for \$5 million in job training grants.

Type: Grants are competitively awarded to local governments and non-profit organizations for job training,

assessment, revolving loan funds, and cleanup projects. Entities apply directly to the EPA.

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency- Office of Brownfield and Land Revitalization

Purpose: To redevelop, reuse, or expand property when the process may be complicated by the presence or

potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/brownfields/eparecovery/index.htm

Michigan: Michigan Department of Environmental Quality:

Brownfield Contact (517) 373-4805

Grant: <u>Hazardous Substance Superfund Hazardous Waste Cleanup</u>

Total: \$600 million nationally

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Provisions: Funds will be limited to the 1,255 hazardous sites on its National Priority List of superfund remedial

sites. The superfund remedial program addresses contamination from uncontrolled releases at

hazardous and toxic waste sites that threaten human health and environment

Website: http://www.epa.gov/superfund/eparecovery/index.html

http://www.epa.gov/superfund/index.htm http://www.epa.gov/superfund/sites/npl/mi.htm

Grants: Diesel Emission Reduction Program

Total: \$300 million nationally for Diesel Emission Reduction Act (DERA) grants.

Type: Competitive grants fund technologies to retrofit emission exhaust systems, such as on school buses

and other vehicles, replace engines and vehicles, and establish anti-idling programs - 70% of the funding supports nation-wide, competitive grants, the remaining 30% funds grants to states with

approved programs

Agency: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

Purpose: Funding is used to create clean diesel programs that achieve significant reductions in diesel emissions

that improve air quality and protect public health.

Website: http://www.epa.gov/otaq/diesel/

www.epa.gov/diesel/prgnational.htm

http://www.epa.gov/otaq/eparecovery/index.htm

Michigan: \$1.73 million dollars will go to Michigan to support clean diesel projects.

http://www.epa.gov/cleandiesel

Grants: Leaking Underground Storage Tank Trust

Total: \$200 million nationally

Agency: Environmental Protection Agency

Description: Grants will be awarded through the Leaking Underground Storage Tanks (LUST) Program

(administered by the EPA). Priority will be given based on LUST's scoring of sites

Website: http://www.epa.gov/swerustl/ltffacts.htm

Michigan: \$7 million will go to Michigan for assessment and clean up of leaking underground storage

tanks. Visit here for a list of eligible projects and contacts in our state:

http://www.epa.gov/swerustl/wheruliv.htm

Grants: <u>U.S. Army Corps of Engineers – Construction</u>

Total: \$2 billion was included for United States Army Corps of Engineers for construction activities.

Type: Funding included for ongoing projects, not to initiate new projects. Selected projects will be

geographically distributed across the United States and across Corps programs to provide the nation

with inland and coastal navigation, environmental, flood risk management, hydropower, and

recreation.

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Description: Provides public engineering and construction services for navigation, flood and storm protection,

ecosystem restoration, environmental protection, and an array of other purposes.

Website: http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery/Pages/CWMoney.aspx

http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/

Grants: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers - Maintenance

National \$2 billion was included United States Army Corps of Engineers for operation and maintenance

Impact: activities.

Type: Funding will be provided to maintain existing Corps projects. Selected projects will be

geographically distributed across the United States and across Corps. programs to provide the nation

with inland and coastal navigation, environmental, flood risk management, hydropower, and

recreation.

Agency: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Description: Provides funding for the operation and maintenance of facilities constructed by the Corps. Work to

be accomplished consists of dredging, repair, and operation of structures and other facilities.

Website: http://www.usace.army.mil/recovery/Pages/CWMoney.aspx

http://www.lre.usace.army.mil/

Energy

Grant: State Energy Efficiency Programs

Total: \$3.1 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula.

Purpose: States use grants to promote energy conservation and to adopt emerging renewable energy and energy

efficiency technologies. You can read more here:

http://appsl.eere.energy.gov/state energy program/pdfs/sep factsheet.pdf

Website: http://appsl.eere.energy.gov/state energy program/recovery act.cfm

Michigan Michigan is to receive \$82 million

http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-25676---,00.html

Grant: Weatherization Assistance Program

Total: \$5 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula.

Purpose: Provides energy efficiency measures in the homes of qualifying homeowners free of charge. To assist

eligible families reduce their energy bills by making their homes more energy efficient.

Michigan: Michigan is to receive \$250 million

http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5452 7124 7211-15408--,00.html

Macomb: Macomb County is to receive \$7.8 million

Local agency for individuals to contact: http://www.macombcountymi.gov/mccsa/

Oakland: Oakland County is to receive \$11 million

Local agency for individuals to contact: http://www.olhsa.org/doe.asp?catID=3&cty=oak

Grant: Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG)

Total: \$3.2 billion nationally

Type: Competitive grants to government entities.

Agency: US Dept of Energy; Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

Purpose: To reduce fossil fuel emissions, decrease overall energy consumption, improve energy efficiency in the

transportation, building, and other energy consuming sectors of the economies of eligible entities.

Website: http://www.eecbg.energy.gov/

Michigan Michigan is to receive \$76.6 million

Some counties and cities receive money directly. Oakland County is to receive \$4.8 million and

Macomb is to receive \$746,000. You can review the full list here:

http://www.michigan.gov/documents/dleg/EECBG Funding Allocations 272717 7.pdf

You may learn more about this program and additional application opportunities here:

http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/0,1607,7-154-25676-211624--,00.html

Grant: Advanced Battery Manufacturing

\$2 billion nationally Total

Competitive Grants to domestic manufacturing facilities Type:

Agency U.S Department of Energy

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

For the manufacturing of advanced batteries and components; and to provide facility funding to Purpose

manufacturers of advanced battery systems and vehicle batteries that are produced in the United

States, including advanced lithium ion batteries, hybrid electrical systems, component

manufacturers, and software designers.

http://appsl.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp news id=159

Website

Rep. Levin circulated a letter in support of this funding.

Michigan: Levin Statement on President Obama's announcement of grant program.

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mil2 levin/PR032009.shtml

Governor Granholm announced 4/14/09 an aggressive effort to grow the advanced-battery industry in Michigan by awarding state refundable tax credits to four companies that are investing more than \$1.7 billion to launch advanced-battery manufacturing facilities in Michigan. This will help the companies in their quest for some of the \$2 billion in federal grants for advanced-battery research

and development.

Grant: Biomass Program Total: \$800 million nationally Type: Competitive grants

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) Agency:

U.S. Department of Energy

For research, development and demonstration for converting biomass resources to biofuels. Purpose:

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/biomass

Alternative Fueled Vehicle Pilot Grant Program Grant

\$300 million nationally Total:

Competitive Grant to state governments, local governments, metropolitan transportation authorities, Type:

air pollution control districts, and private or nonprofit entities.

Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE) - Clean Cities Program Agency:

U.S. Department of Energy

To establish a grant program through the DOE Clean Cities Program to encourage the use of plug-in Purpose:

> electric drive vehicles or other emerging electric vehicle technologies. Funds used for the acquisition of alternative fueled vehicles, fuel cell vehicles or hybrid vehicles, including buses for public transportation and ground support vehicles at public airports. The installation or acquisition of infrastructure necessary to directly support an alternative fueled vehicle, fuel cell vehicle, or hybrid

vehicle project funded by the grant also eligible.

Website: www.eere.energy.gov/cleancities

On April 9th, The White House announced the government through the General Service Michigan:

Administration is accelerating the purchase of fuel efficient vehicles for the federal fleet using \$285 million provided in the Recovery Act. They will place orders for about 17,600 vehicles by

June 1, and are placing orders for 2,500 hybrids by April 15th. All of the vehicles will be

purchased from the Big 3.

Rep. Levin issued a press release regarding the federal car purchase commitment announcement:

http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mil2 levin/PR04909.shtml

Grant: Transportation Electrification

Total: \$400 million nationally

Type: Competitive Grant to states, local governments, and metropolitan transportation authorities.

Agency: Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy (EERE)

U.S. Department of Energy

Purpose: To implement a grant program for qualified electric transportation projects that reduce emissions,

including shipside electrification of vehicles, truck stop electrification, airport ground support

equipment and cargo handling equipment.

Website: http://appsl.eere.energy.gov/news/daily.cfm/hp news id=159

Grant: Smart Grid Investment Program

Total: \$4.5 billion nationally

Type: Regional demonstration initiative and matching grants to states.

Agency: Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability

U.S. Department of Energy

Purpose: To modernize the electric grid, enhance security and reliability of the energy infrastructure, energy

storage research, development, demonstration and deployment, and facilitate recovery from

disruptions to the energy supply, and authorized purposes.

Website: www.oe.energy.gov

www.oe.energy.gov/smartgrid.htm

Grant: Fossil Energy Research and Development Program

Total: \$3.4 billion nationally

Type: Competitive grants and contracts

Agency: Office of Fossil Energy

U.S. Department of Energy

Purpose: Research and Development programs include pollution control innovations for traditional power

plants, including mercury reduction; improved gasification technologies; advanced combustion systems; development of stationary power fuel cells; improved turbines for future coal-based combined cycle plants; and creation of a portfolio of technologies that can capture and permanently

store greenhouse gases.

Website: www.fossil.energy.gov

Grant: Physics Research Science Program

Total: \$1.6 billion nationally

Type: Competitive grants to universities, companies, and national laboratories.

Agency: Office of Science

: U.S. Department of Energy

Purpose: Grants will primarily be awarded for research in high-energy physics, nuclear physics, and fusion

energy sciences

Website: <u>www.science.doe.gov</u>

http://www.science.doe.gov/grants/grants.html

Grant: Advanced Research Projects Agency (ARPA-E)

Total: \$400 million nationally

Type: Awards to institutions of higher education, companies, research foundations, trade and industry

research collaborations, or consortia of such entities, which may include federally-funded research

and development centers.

Agency: U.S. Department of Energy

Purpose: To support high-risk, high-payoff research to accelerate the innovation cycle for both traditional and

alternative energy sources and energy.

Website: <u>www.energy.gov</u>

Loan: <u>Innovative Technology Loan</u>

Total: \$6 billion nationally

Type: Loan guarantees to legible applicants include any firm, corporation, company, partnership,

association, society, trust, joint venture, joint stock company, or governmental non-Federal entity

that meets specific guidelines.

Agency: Department of Energy

Purpose: Loan guarantees for renewable technologies and transmission technologies.

Website: http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/index.html

Loan: <u>Transmission Loan Guarantees</u>

Total: \$4 billion nationally

Type: Guarantee loans that support early commercial use of advanced technologies.

Agency: Department of Energy

Purpose: Loans for renewable energy power generation and transmission projects.

Website: <u>www.eere.energy.gov</u>

http://www.lgprogram.energy.gov/

Bonds: Clean Renewable Energy Bonds

Total: \$1.6 billion nationally

Type: Tax-credit bonds for state/local/tribal governments, public power providers, and electric

cooperatives.

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Purpose: Create interest-free financing for certain renewable energy projects. Website: http://appsl.eere.energy.gov/news/news detail.cfm/news id=12249

http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html

Bonds: Qualified Energy Conservation Bonds

Total: \$2.4 billion nationally

Type: Tax-credit bonds issued for capital expenditures.

Agency: Internal Revenue Service

Purpose: Very broad parameters for energy conservation projects including capital expenditure in public

buildings, green community programs, renewable energy production, various R&D applications, mass commuting facilities, energy-related demonstration projects, and public energy efficiency education

campaigns.

Website: http://appsl.eere.energy.gov/news/news detail.cfm/news id=12249

http://www.irs.gov/taxexemptbond/index.html

Housing

All of these programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. A website tracking all HUD Recovery programs can be found at http://www.hud.gov/recovery/

Grants: Public Housing Authorities for Capital Improvements

Total: \$4 billion nationally

Type: States receive \$3 billion by formula. \$1 billion for competitive grants

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Description: Funds for building repair and modernization, including critical safety repairs of local public housing.

Website: Formula Grants:

http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/ocir.cfm

Competitive Grants

http://www.hud.gov/recovery/phcapfundh.cfm

Michigan: HUD announced on 3/30/09 that 64 Michigan communities together will receive more than \$50

million. A list of funding amounts by local housing commission may be found here:

http://www.hud.gov/offices/pih/programs/ph/capfund/grants/arra/mi.cfm

Grants: Homelessness Prevention Fund

Total: \$1.5 billion nationally

Type: States and localities receive funding by formula Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Provides financial assistance and support services to help individuals and families at risk of becoming

homeless. The fund also helps provide housing and stability to those already experiencing

homelessness.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/homeless/programs/esg/

Michigan: HUD allocated \$53.1 million to Michigan on 2/25/09. The State received \$22 million, Macomb

County received \$687,708 and Oakland County received \$1.5 million. A list of state and local

funding amounts may be found here:

http://www.hud.gov/recovery/homelesspreventrecov.xls

Grants: Community Development Block Grants

Total \$1 billion nationally

Type: States and localities receive funding by formula Agency: Department of Housing and Urban Development

Purpose: Funding for community and economic development projects including housing and services for those

hit hard by tough economic times.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdblock.cfm

Michigan: \$34.7 million to the State and Michigan communities. A list of state and local funding amounts

may be found here:

http://www.hud.gov/recovery/cdbg.xls

Grants: Neighborhood Stabilization Program

Total: \$2 billion of additional NSP funding, to be distributed competitively (\$4 billion in NSP funds were

provided as part of the Housing and Economic Recovery Act of 2008 and is just being received by

local communities.)

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development; Office of Community Planning and

Development

Type: Competitive Grants

Purpose: Funds help communities purchase and rehabilitate foreclosed, vacant properties in order to create

more affordable housing and reduce neighborhood blight. Grants will be awarded based on communities' capacity to execute projects, potential to leverage grant dollars, and concentration of investment to achieve neighborhood stabilization. HUD must issue Notices of Funding Availability

(NOFA) with application requirements no later than May 3, 2009.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/nspg.cfm

HUD must issue Notices of Funding Availability (NOFA) with application requirements no later than May 3, 2009. Applicants will prepare an application and, for programmatic funding, complete citizen participation before submitting to HUD. Applications will be due to HUD not later than 150

days after enactment. HUD will review applications and make awards shortly thereafter.

Grants: Lead Hazard Reduction Program

Total: \$100 million nationally

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development; Office of Healthy Homes and Lead Hazard

Control

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds for competitive grants to local governments and nonprofit organizations to remove lead-based

paint hazards in low-income housing.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/healthy-homes.cfm

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 authorized and provided funds for HUD to award grants under this grant program to those applicants under its fiscal year 2008 Notice of Funding Availability that were qualified for award but were not funded due to limitations of funds originally available. Michigan is not receiving money under this program, you may review a list of

other grant awards here:

http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tcap.cfm

Grants: HOME Investment Partnership Program

Total: \$2.25 billion

Agency: U.S. Department Of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to states

Purpose: HOME provides formula grants to States and localities that communities use-often in partnership

with local nonprofit groups-to fund a wide range of activities that build, buy, and/or rehabilitate affordable housing for rent or homeownership or provide direct rental assistance to low-income

people.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/offices/cpd/affordablehousing/programs/home/

Grants: Tax Credit Assistance Program (TCAP)

Total: \$2.25 billion nationally

Agency: U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

Type: Funds will distributed by formula to 52 State Housing Credit Agencies.

Purpose: Funding for capital investment in Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) projects.

Website: http://www.hud.gov/recovery/tax-credit.cfm
Michigan: Michigan is expected to received \$64 million

Small Business / Economic Development

Many of these programs are administered by the Small Business Administration. A website tracking all SBA Recovery programs can be found at http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html

Loan: Small Business Administration - 7(a) Loan Guarantee Program

Total: \$375 million nationally

Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Purpose: Temporary fee elimination - SBA is directed to collect no fee or reduce fees to the maximum extent

possible for the 7(a) loan program

SBA may guarantee up to 90% of 7(a) loans

To ensure small businesses maintain have access to 7(a) loans that may be used to establish a new

business or to assist in the operation, acquisition or expansion of an existing business.

The Treasury Department has also announced that it will purchase up to \$15 billion in SBA loans to

ensure that banks are able to make SBA loans.

Website You may review general information on the program here:

http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/7a/

The SBA began implementing this program on 3/16/09, you may read more information here:

http://www.sba.gov/recovery/RECOVERY ACT NEWS RESOURCES.html

Loan: Small Business Administration - 504 Loan Program

Total: Part of the \$375 million nationally above

Agency: Small Business (SBA)

Purpose: Funds to ensure small businesses maintain adequate access to 504 loans. 504 loans may be used for

purchasing land and improvements, including existing buildings, grading, street improvements, utilities, parking lots and landscaping; construction of new facilities, or modernizing, renovating or

converting existing facilities; or purchasing long-term machinery and equipment.

The Treasury Department has also announced that it will purchase up to \$15 billion in SBA loans to

ensure that banks are able to make SBA loans.

Website You may review general information on the program here:

http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/cdc504/index.html

Temporarily eliminate fees for borrowers on SBA 7(a) loans and for both borrowers and lenders on 504 Certified Development Company loans, through calendar year 2009,or until the funds are exhausted. This will mean more capital available to small businesses at a lower cost. The fee elimination is retroactive to February 17, the day the Recovery Act was signed. SBA is developing a

mechanism for refunding fees paid on loans since then. You may read more here:

http://www.sba.gov/idc/groups/public/documents/sba homepage/news release 09-17.pdf

Grant: Business Stabilization Program

Total: \$255 million nationally

Agency: Small Business Administration (SBA)

Purpose: To establish a new loan program to provide loans on a deferred basis to viable small business

concerns that have a qualifying small business loan and are experiencing immediate financial

hardship

Website <u>www.sba.gov</u>

http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html

Grant: Economic Development Assistance

Total: \$150 million nationally

Agency: Department of Commerce - Economic Development Administration

Purpose Funds for economically distressed areas to generate private sector jobs. Priority consideration will be

given to those areas that have experienced sudden and severe economic dislocation and job loss due

to corporate restructuring.

Public Works and Economic Development Facilities Program (\$100 million)

EDA will provide Public Works investments to support the construction or rehabilitation of essential public infrastructure and facilities necessary to generate or retain private sector jobs

and investments, attract private sector capital, and promote regional competitiveness.

Economic Adjustment Assistance Program (\$50 million)

The Economic Adjustment Assistance Program provides a wide range of technical, planning and infrastructure assistance (including assistance to establish revolving loan funds) in regions

experiencing adverse economic changes that may occur suddenly or over time.

Applications are accepted on a continuing basis and are processed as received. There is a local matching requirement, generally 50% of the project cost, although the local match can be as low as

20% and in-kind contributions are eligible.

Type: Competitive Grants

Website You may read the 3/11/09 announcement on the availability of these finds here:

http://www.eda.gov/xp/EDAPublic/NewsEvents/PressReleases/PRWashington031109.xml

You may review the full Federal Registry Announcement here

http://www.eda.gov/PDF/FY09%20ARRA%20FFO%20-%20FINAL.pdf

You also may contact the EDA regional office:

Chicago Regional Office

111 North Canal Street, Suite 855

Chicago, IL 60606

Telephone: (312) 353-7148

Grant: Community Development Financial Institutions

Total: \$100 million nationally

Agency: U.S. Department of the Treasury

Purpose These funds will be used to help spur economic development and low-cost financial services to

underserved communities.

Website: http://www.cdfifund.gov/recovery/

Loan:Micro-Loan ProgramTotal:\$6 million nationallyAgency:Small Business (SBA)

Purpose Provides very small loans to start-up, newly established, or growing small business concerns. Under

this program, SBA makes funds available to nonprofit community based lenders (intermediaries) which, in turn, make loans to eligible borrowers in amounts up to a maximum of \$35,000. The average loan size is about \$13,000. Applications are submitted to the local intermediary and all credit

decisions are made on the local level.

Website You may review general information on the program here

http://www.sba.gov/services/financialassistance/sbaloantopics/microloans/index.html

You may review the Recovery Act effort here: http://www.sba.gov/recovery/index.html

Job Training & Employment Services

All of these programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Labor. A website tracking all DOL Recovery programs can be found at http://www.dol.gov/recovery/

The Recovery Package provides Michigan more than a \$200 million for training. You may learn more about Michigan's training programs like No Worker Left Behind at: http://www.michigan.gov/dleg/

Grant: Employment Training Services for Adults

Total: \$500 million nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: Funding to states to facilitate increased training of individuals for high-demand occupations

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/general info.cfm

Michigan: Michigan to receive \$30.8 million.

Grant: Dislocated Workers Employment and Training Services

Total: \$1.25 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: Funds for workforce investment programs and initiatives that provide millions of adult workers

with workforce preparation and talent development services, and help employers find the skilled

workers they need.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/ETA default.cfm?#Dislocated

Michigan: Michigan to receive \$78.4 million.

Grant: Employment Training Services for Youths

Total: \$1.2 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: Funds to create summer employment opportunities for people under 24 years old.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth-services/
Michigan to receive \$74 million

Grant: <u>Employment Services</u>
Total: \$250 million nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: Funding for reemployment services to connect unemployment insurance claimants to employment.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/programs/Wagner-Peyser.cfm

Michigan: Michigan to receive \$13.8 million

Grant: Dislocated Worker Assistance

Total: \$200 million nationally
Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds for the Secretary of Labor to award national emergency grants to respond to plant closings,

mass layoffs and other worker dislocations.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/NEG/

Grant: YouthBuild

Total: \$50 million nationally

Type: Formula funds and Competitive Grants

Description: Provides services for at-risk youth, who gain education and occupational credentials while

constructing or rehabilitating affordable housing.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/youth-services/

Grant: Green Jobs Training
Total: \$750 million nationally
Type: Competitive Grants

Description: These funds are designated for projects that prepare workers for careers in energy efficiency and

renewable energy as described in the Green Jobs Act of 2007.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/

Grant: Community Service Employment for Older Americans

Total: \$120 million nationally

Type: Formula funds and Competitive Grants - Nonprofits may apply

Description: Provides employment opportunities for older Americans and promotes them as a solution for

businesses seeking trained, qualified, and reliable employees.

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/seniors/

Grant: Job Corps Program
Total: \$250 million nationally
Type: Competitive Grants

Description: The funds will support construction and modernization of a network of residential facilities serving

at-risk youth.

Website: http://www.jobcorps.gov/

Grant: Trade Adjustment Assistance for Workers

Total: Expands the TAA programs and increases funding to states by \$575 million

Type: Individual program and Discretionary grants

Description: TAA helps workers at firms who have become fully or partially separated from employment due to

trade and globalization.

The Recovery package expands TAA to trade-affected services sector workers and workers affected by offshoring or outsourcing to all countries, including China or India. Training funds available to states are increased by 160%, to \$575 million a year, and a new TAA program is created for trade-affected communities. In addition, the reauthorization allows for automatic TAA eligibility for workers suffering from import surges and subject to unfair trade determinations, makes training,

healthcare and re-employment TAA benefits more accessible and flexible

Website: http://www.doleta.gov/tradeact/taa/WhoWeServe.cfm

As Chair of the Trade Subcommittee, Mr. Levin helped to write this TAA program and worked

to get it in the Recovery package. You may read more here: http://www.house.gov/apps/list/press/mil2 levin/PR020509.shtml

Health

Grant: Medicaid Federal Matching Assistance Percentage (FMAP) Increase

Total: \$87 billion nationally
Type: Formula grants to states.

Description: This funding will be distributed to state Medicaid programs to help avoid budget shortfalls.

Michigan will receive an estimated \$2.2 billion over three years.

Approximately \$2.2 billion for Michigan over 3 years

Michigan:

Website: Interactive map of initial funding to each state: http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefundsmap.html

List of initial funding to each state: http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/statefunds.html

Grant: Community Health Center Grants

Total: \$2 billion nationwide

Type: Competitive Grants for Federally Qualified Health Centers

For construction, renovation, equipment, acquisition of health information technology, and general

funding for Federally Qualified Health Centers.

Websites: http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/03/20090327a.html

Michigan: Michigan's 29 federally qualified health centers (FQHC) will receive more than \$8.5 million.

Read more here http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-52827 52829-211835--,00.html

Grants: National Health Service Corps
Total: Up to \$500 million nationwide
Office: National Health Service Corps

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services - Health Resources and Services Administration

Type: Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment

Description: This funding will provide scholarships and student loan repayment for individuals who wish to serve

in underserved areas as primary health care providers.

Website: Instructions for how to apply for NHSC funding: http://nhsc.hrsa.gov/applications/

Grants: <u>Health Care Workforce</u>
Total: Up to \$500 million nationwide
Office: Bureau of Health Professions

Agency: Health Resources and Services Administration

Type: Competitive Grants, Scholarships, and Loan Repayment

Description: This funding will provide for grants to individuals for grants and loan repayment of health care

training programs.

Website: Description of the various grant and loan programs for health professionals:

http://www.hrsa.gov/help/healthprofessions.htm

Specific information on applying for grants through Recovery Act funding:

http://www.hrsa.gov/grants/default.htm

Grants: <u>Biomedical Research</u>
Total: \$8.7 billion nationwide
Agency: National Institutes of Health

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: This funding will be available to researchers through the National Institutes of Health for biomedical

research.

Website: Information about NIH Recovery Act funding:

http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement_arra.htm

Grants: <u>University Research Facilities</u>

Total: \$1.3 billion nationally

Agency: National Institutes of Health - National Center for Research Resources

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funding under this section will be used to construct and renovate research facilities and to purchase

research equipment.

Website: Information for researchers on facilities grants though the NIH: http://www.ncrr.nih.gov/

Grants: Prevention and Wellness Program

Total: \$950 million nationally

Description: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funding under this section will be used to support the Center for Disease Control's evidence-based

clinical and community prevention and wellness programs. Grants will be available to support state

and local efforts to fight preventable chronic diseases and infectious diseases.

Website: General information about Health and Human Service Recovery Act funding: www.hhs.gov/recovery.

General information about the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: www.cdc.gov
A providing web site for the prevention and wellness great program is not yet available.

A specific website for the prevention and wellness grant program is not yet available.

Michigan: \$6.6 million will go to Michigan for crucial health and human services programs that help to

provide care for children and prevent disease.

Grants: Comparative Effectiveness Health Research

Total: \$1.1 billion nationally

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Agency on Healthcare Research and Quality

(AHRQ) and National Institutes of Health (NIH)

Type: Competitive Grants

Purpose: To compare the effectiveness of different medical treatments

Description: This funding will be used to conduct or support research to evaluate and compare clinical outcomes,

effectiveness, risk, and benefits of different medical treatments and services that address a particular medical condition. This research will not be used to mandate coverage decisions or impose one-size-fits-all" medicine on patients. It will be designed to enable medical professionals and patients improve treatment. \$300 million will be administered by AHRQ, and \$400 million will be

administered by the National Institutes of Health.

Website: Information about NIH Recovery Act funding:

http://www.nih.gov/about/director/02252009statement arra.htm

General Information about the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: http://www.ahrq.gov/

A specific website for the comparative effectiveness grant program is not yet available.

Grants: Health Information Technology Grants

Total: \$2 billion nationally

Office: Office of the National Coordinator of Health Information Technology, Agency for Healthcare

Research and Quality, CDC, and Indian Health Service/States or State-Designated Entities

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health

Information Technology

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: These grants will be awarded for a variety of purposes to encourage the use of health information

technology and high-performing electronic medical records. A portion will be used to fund

organizations that facilitate the secure, private, accurate exchange of electronic health information. Other grants will be available to community health centers and other providers who are not eligible for direct incentives through Medicare and Medicaid also included in the Recovery Act. States or state-designated entities can apply for grants to expand the infrastructure for the secure exchange of health information, provide technical assistance to facilitate this exchange, and other purposes. State can also apply for funds to establish loan programs for providers who wish to purchase health

information technology.

Website: General information about Health and Human Service Recovery Act funding:

http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/

Grants: Health Information Technology Incentive Payments through Medicare and Medicaid

Total: \$17 billion nationally

Agency: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services - Office of the National Coordinator for Health

Information Technology

Description: Hospitals and physician offices that purchase and use certified electronic medical record systems will

receive increased payment through the Medicare and Medicaid programs.

Website: General information about Health and Human Service Recovery Act funding:

http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/

Grant: NIH Challenge Grants in Health and Science Research

Total: \$200 million nationally

Agency: National Institutes of Health - Office of Extramural Research

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds will support research on specific scientific and health research challenges that will benefit

from significant 2-year jumpstart funds

Website: http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/challenge award/

Public Safety

Grant: Assistance to Firefighters Grant Program

Total: \$210 million nationally

Agency: Department of Homeland Security - Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Type: Competitive Grant

Purposes: To provide assistance for communities to modify, upgrade or construct state and local fire stations

Website: www.firegrantsupport.com/AFG/

Note: The application period for this grant program opens at 8:00 am EDT on April 15, 2009 and

closes at 5:00 pm EDT on May 20, 2009. The application is directly accessible at:

https://portal.fema.gov

Grant: Edward Byrne Memorial Justice Assistance Grants

Total: \$2 billion nationally

Agency: Department of Justice - Bureau of Justice Assistance
Type: Formula funding to state and local police forces

Description: Funds to helps states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and

improve the criminal justice system enforcement.

Website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html

Michigan: The State of Michigan is receiving \$67 million. 40% of this money is awarded directly to local

units. You may review these local allocations here:

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/recoveryallocations.html

To receive this direct funding, you must submit an application to the U.S. Department of Justice by Monday, May 18, 2009. Further information about the application process is available at

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryJAG/JAGrecoveryLocal.pdf

Michigan will also award 60% of its funding through a competitive grants process. It is expected that the grant application system will be open in April 2009. You may learn

more about the State competitive grant process here:

http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2941_4871_4879---,00.html

Grant: <u>Byrne Competitive Grants Program</u>

Total: \$225 million nationally

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Justice Assistance

Type: Competitive Grants

Description: Funds to helps states and local governments support activities to prevent and control crime and

improve the criminal justice system enforcement.

Website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recoveryact.html

Applications are due by April 27, 2009. You may review the eligibility and grant application

here:

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/recovery/RecoveryByrne.pdf

Grant: Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) Hiring Grants

Total: \$1 billion nationally

Agency: Department of Justice; Office of COPS

Type: Competitive Grant

Description: For hiring and rehiring of additional career law enforcement officers

Website: http://www.cops.usdoj.gov/default.asp?Item=2108

Michigan: The application period for this grant is closed. All applications submitted on or before April 14,

2009 are currently being considered for funding.

Grants: STOP Violence Against Women Formula Grant Program

Total: \$175 million nationally

Agency: Department of Justice- Office on Violence Against Women

Type: Formula funding to state agency

Description: STOP formula grants are to: training law enforcement officers, judges, court personnel and

prosecutors; developing, enlarging, or strengthening victim services programs; developing, installing or expanding data collection; and developing, enlarging, or strengthening programs addressing

stalking.

Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/recovery.htm

Grants: Transitional Housing Assistance Program

Total: \$50 million nationally

Agency: Department of Justice - Transitional Housing Assistance Program

Type: Competitive Grants to states, local government, nonprofits and services providers.

Description: May be used for transitional housing, short-term housing assistance, support services designed to

enable individuals who are fleeing domestic violence.

Website: http://www.ovw.usdoj.gov/thousing grant desc.htm

Grants: <u>Victims Compensation</u>
Total: \$100 million nationally

Agency: Department of Justice - Office for Victims of Crime

Type: Formula funding to state agencies

Description: Funding to support State compensation and assistance programs for victims and survivors of Federal

and state crimes.

Website: http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryfunds.html

Michigan: Michigan is receiving \$355,800

http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/fund/Recoveryformula.html

Grants: Internet Crimes Against Children (ICAC) Task Force Program

Total: \$50 million nationally

Agency: Department of Justice - Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention

Type: Formula funding to state agency

Description: Funds to help State and local law enforcement agencies enhance investigative responses to offenders

who use the Internet to sexually exploit children.

Websites: http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html

http://ojjdp.ncjrs.gov/recoveryact.html

Michigan: The Michigan State Police are to receive \$1 million

Child Care

All of these programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. A website tracking all HHS Recovery programs can be found at http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/index.html

Grant: Child Care Development Block Grant (CCDBG)

Total: \$2 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: CCDBG funds state efforts to provide quality child care services for low-income family

members who work, train for work, or attend school.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/about/offices/list/oii/nonpublic/childcare.html

Michigan: Michigan is expected to receive \$58.7 million

Grant: <u>Head Start / Early Start Programs</u>

Total: \$2.1 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula.

Description: Head Start programs provide development, educational, health, nutritional, and other activities that

prepare children to succeed in school.

Website: http://www.hhs.gov/news/press/2009pres/04/20090402a.html Michigan: Michigan is expected to receive \$21.9 million for both programs.

Grants: Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)

Total: \$1 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: Provides funding to local community action agencies for services like housing and mortgage

counseling, jobs skills training, food assistance, as well as benefits, outreach, and enrollment.

Website: http://www.acf.hhs.gov/programs/ocs/csbg/csbg program.htm

Michigan: Michigan is expected to receive \$37 million.

http://transparency.cit.nih.gov/RecoveryGrants/grantstate.cfm?state=MI

Education

All of these programs are administered by the U.S. Department of Education. A website tracking all Education Recovery programs can be found at http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Grant: State Fiscal Stabilization Fund

Total: \$53.6 billion nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: These funds will help stabilize state and local government budgets in order to minimize and avoid

reductions in education and other essential public services.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/stabilization-fund.html

Michigan is expected to receive \$1.6 billion.

Grant: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA)

Total: \$12.2 billion nationally

Type: School Districts receive funding

Description: To help local school districts ensure that children with disabilities, have access to a free

appropriate public education to meet each child's unique needs and prepare him or her for

further education, employment, and independent living.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/idea.html

Michigan: http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/statetables/09arrastatetables.pdfMichigan schools

are expected to receive \$400.6 million. The first installment was released by the Department of Education on April 1, 2009. The second installment is schedule for the fall. You may review a

chart of estimated IDEA funding amounts by school district here:

http://edlabor.house.gov/documents/111/pdf/publications/MICHIGAN-20090213-HR1-

LEAs.pdf

Grant: <u>Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act</u>

Total: \$13 billion nationally

Type: School Districts receive funding

Description: Provides local school districts with supplemental education funding, especially in areas with high

concentrations of students from families that live in poverty in order to help improve

teaching and learning for students most at risk of failing to meet state academic achievement

standards

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/title-i.html

Michigan: Michigan schools are expected to receive \$390 million. The first installment was released by

the Department of Education on April 1, 2009. The second installment is schedule for the fall.

Local Funding amounts by school district may be found here:

http://www.ed.gov/about/overview/budget/titlei/fy09recovery/michigan.pdf

Grant: Education Technology

Total \$650 million nationally in the Enhancing Education through Technology program.

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: This program is to improve student achievement through the use of technology in elementary

and secondary schools and to integrate technology in the classroom curriculum.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/programs/edtech/index.html

Funding for this program will become available later in 2009. You may track implementation at

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Michigan: Michigan schools are expected to receive \$24.5 million

Grant: Vocational Rehabilitation

Total: \$540 million nationally for Vocational Rehabilitation State Grants

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: To help individuals with disabilities prepare for prepare for, obtain, and maintain employment.

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/vr.html

Website: The U.S. Department of Education (Department) awarded 50 percent of the VR ARRA funds to state

VR agencies on April 1, 2009. The remaining funds will be awarded by September 30, 2009.

Michigan: Michigan is expected to receive \$18 million.

Grant: Teacher Quality Enhancement Grants

Total: \$300 million nationally
Type: Competitive grants to states

Description: \$200 million for competitive grants to school districts and states to provide financial incentives for

teachers and principals who raise student achievement.

\$100 million for competitive grants to states to address teacher shortages and modernize the teaching

workforce.

Website: Funds will be available later in 2009

http://www.ed.gov/programs/heatqp/eligibility.html http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Grant: Statewide Longitudinal Data Systems Grant Program

Total: \$250 million was included in competitive grants was provided for the Statewide Longitudinal Data

Systems Program.

Type: Competitive grants to States

Description: Grants to design and develop data systems that analyze individual student data to find ways to

improve student achievement.

Website: http://nces.ed.gov/programs/slds/

Grant: Independent Living State Grants

Total: \$18.2 million nationwide.

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description: To provide independent living (IL) services to individuals with significant disabilities

Website: http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/factsheet/ils.html

Michigan: Michigan is expected to receive \$447,223

Grant: Services for Older Individuals who are Blind

Total: \$34.3 million nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Description Grants are made to states to support services for individuals age 55 or older whose severe visual

impairment makes employment difficult to obtain.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/programs/rsailob/index.html

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Michigan is expected to receive \$1.18 million.

Grants: Education for Homeless Children and Youth

Total: \$70 million

Type: Formula funding to States

Description Funds to provide services to homeless children including meals and transportation as high

unemployment and home foreclosures have created an increase of homeless kids.

Website: http://www.ed.gov/programs/homeless/index.html

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html Funding expected to become available April 10, 2009

Food Assistance

Grant: Supplemental Nutrition Assistance

Total: \$19.9 billion nationally was included for SNAP (formerly Food Stamps). Majority of funds go directly

to participants as increased benefits. \$195 million for administrative costs for states.

Type: Automatic benefit increases for participants. Funding set aside for administrative purposes does not

require the typical matching state funds and can be requested from USDA.

Purpose: To supplement existing food stamp benefit for participants.

Description: Those currently enrolled in SNAP will see an automatic increase in benefits beginning April 1st. The

amount of the increase depends on the size of the household. Additionally, rules restricting

enrollment for adults without dependents are suspended through FY2010.

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/recovery-snap.htm

State Contacts: http://www.michigan.gov/dhs/0,1607,7-124-5453 5527-21832--,00.html

Grant: Senior Nutrition Programs

Total: \$100 million nationally

Type: States receive funding by formula

Agency: Department of Health and Human Services through the Administration on Aging

Purpose: To provide for an additional amount of funds for "Aging Services Programs."

Description: Programs that bring seniors together to eat in group settings and deliver nutritional and dietary safe

meals to seniors.

Website: http://www.aoa.gov/

Michigan: On March 18, 2009 Michigan was awarded \$3 million for Senior Nutrition programs. You may

find local programs here http://www.eldercare.gov/eldercare.net/public/home.aspx

Grant: School Lunch Program
Total: \$100 million nationally

Type: States will receive formula funding and provide competitive grants within the state

Agency: Department of Agriculture through USDA

Purpose: To carry out a grant program for National School Lunch Program equipment assistance.

Description: Federal school meal program that provides nutritionally balanced, low-cost or free lunches to

children each school day.

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/cnd/lunch/

Grant: Emergency Food Assistance

Total: \$150 million was included for emergency food assistance.

Type: Funding distributed by formula.

Agency: Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service

Michigan Department of Education

Description: TEFAP provides USDA commodities to states, who distribute food through local emergency food

providers such as food banks and pantries.

Purpose: To increase the amount of emergency food assistance available to low-income individuals and

families.

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/recovery/recovery-tefap.htm

Michigan: Michigan is expected to receive \$3.9 million in food grants and \$1 million in administrative

grants.

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-43092-19567--,00.html

You may find updated information regarding this grant here:

http://www.michigan.gov/mde/0,1607,7-140-37818 53083-211586--,00.html

Locally, \$400,000 will go to Macomb County and \$470,000 will go to Oakland County.

Local Contacts:

Food Bank Council of Michigan 517-485-1202

http://www.fbcmich.org/site/PageServer?pagename=aboutfbcmich memberfoodbanks

Gleaners Community Food Bank of Southeast Michigan 313-923-3535

www.gcfb.org

Yad Ezra 248-548-3663 www.yadezra.org

Grant: Supplemental WIC Nutrition Program

Total: \$500 million nationally was included for the WIC Program. \$400 million to create a contingency

fund to replenish state funds if needed. \$100 million to expand and upgrade the management

information for WIC state agencies.

Agency: Department of Agriculture – Food and Nutrition Service

Michigan Department of Community Health

Description: WIC provides Federal grants to States for supplemental foods, health care referrals, and nutrition

education for low-income women, infants, and children who are found to be at nutritional risk. Local

agencies, such as health departments and non-profit organizations, deliver WIC services and

benefits.

Website: http://www.fns.usda.gov/fns/recovery/recovery-wic.htm

Michigan: http://www.michigan.gov/mdch/0,1607,7-132-2942 4910---,00.html

Telecommunications

Grants: <u>Broadband Technology Opportunities Program</u>

Total: \$4.7 billion nationally

Agency: National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Description: Grants to provide access to broadband service in underserved areas.

Type: Competitive Grants

Website: A public comment period has started regarding this program. You

may learn more here:

http://www.commerce.gov/NewsRoom/PressReleases FactSheets/PROD01 007803

Grants: Distance Learning, Telemedicine, and Broadband

Total: \$2.5 billion nationally
Agency: USDA: Rural Utility Service

Description: Funding is available through grants, loans and loan guarantees for broadband infrastructure.

Type: Grants and Loans

Website: http://www.usda.gov/rus/telecom/dlt/dlt.htm

A Glossary of Additional Websites

Federal Recovery Website

http://www.recovery.gov/

Michigan Recovery Website

http://www.michigan.gov/gov/0,1607,7-168-52827---,00.html

Additional Federal Sites

Inspector General Reports on the Implementation of Recovery Act funds

http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/ig-reports

Recovery Accountability and Transparency Board

http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/recovery-accountability-and-transparency-board&x=l

Federal Government Weekly Reports on Recovery Implementation

http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/agency-weekly-reports

Department of Commerce

http://www.commerce.gov/Recovery/

Department of Education

http://www.ed.gov/policy/gen/leg/recovery/index.html

Department of Health and Human Resources

http://www.hhs.gov/recovery/

Department of Housing and Urban Development

http://www.hud.gov/recovery/

Department of Labor

http://www.dol.gov/recovery/

Department of Energy

http://www.energy.gov/recovery/index.htm

Department of Transportation

http://www.dot.gov/recovery/

Department of Justice

http://www.usdoj.gov/recovery/

Department of Homeland Security

http://www.dhs.gov/xopnbiz/recovery.shtm